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***Raised Bill No. 435***

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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:  
(FIN)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FEE INCREASES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 The fee for any act performed by a notary public in accordance with  
4 the provisions of the general statutes shall not exceed [five] ten dollars  
5 plus [an additional thirty-five cents] the standard mileage rate  
6 established by the Internal Revenue Service for each mile of travel.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-34a of the 2010 supplement to the  
8 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
9 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

10 (a) Town clerks shall receive, for recording any document, ten  
11 dollars for the first page and five dollars for each subsequent page or  
12 fractional part thereof, a page being not more than eight and one-half  
13 by fourteen inches. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the  
14 information contained in a certificate of registration for the practice of  
15 any of the healing arts, five dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for

16 recording documents conforming to, or substantially similar to, section  
 17 47-36c, which are clearly entitled "statutory form" in the heading of  
 18 such documents, as follows: For the first page of a warranty deed, a  
 19 quitclaim deed, a mortgage deed, or an assignment of mortgage, ten  
 20 dollars; for each additional page of such documents, five dollars; and  
 21 for each marginal notation of an assignment of mortgage, subsequent  
 22 to the first two assignments, one dollar. Town clerks shall receive, for  
 23 recording any document with respect to which certain data must be  
 24 submitted by each town clerk to the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
 25 and Management in accordance with section 10-261b, two dollars in  
 26 addition to the regular recording fee. Any person who offers any  
 27 written document for recording in the office of any town clerk, which  
 28 document fails to have legibly typed, printed or stamped directly  
 29 beneath the signatures the names of the persons who executed such  
 30 document, the names of any witnesses thereto and the name of the  
 31 officer before whom the same was acknowledged, shall pay one dollar  
 32 in addition to the regular recording fee. Town clerks shall receive, for  
 33 recording any deed, except a mortgage deed, conveying title to real  
 34 estate, which deed does not contain the current mailing address of the  
 35 grantee, five dollars in addition to the regular recording fee. Town  
 36 clerks shall receive, for filing any document, [~~five~~] twenty dollars; and  
 37 for receiving and keeping a survey or map, legally filed and indexed,  
 38 in accordance with section 7-32, in the town clerk's office, [~~five~~] twenty  
 39 dollars. [~~;~~ and for indexing such survey or map, in accordance with  
 40 section 7-32, five dollars, except with respect to indexing any such  
 41 survey or map pertaining to a subdivision of land as defined in section  
 42 8-18, in which event town clerks shall receive fifteen dollars for each  
 43 such indexing.] Town clerks shall receive, for a copy of any document  
 44 either recorded or filed in their offices, one dollar for each page or  
 45 fractional part thereof, as the case may be; for certifying any copy of  
 46 the same, two dollars; for making a copy of any survey or map, the  
 47 actual cost thereof; and for certifying such copy of a survey or map,  
 48 two dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the commission  
 49 and oath of a notary public, [~~ten~~] twenty dollars; and for certifying  
 50 under seal to the official character of a notary, [~~two~~] five dollars.

51       Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 7-73 of the general statutes is  
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
53 *1, 2010*):

54       (a) To any person performing the duties required by the provisions  
55 of the general statutes relating to registration of marriages, deaths and  
56 fetal deaths, the following fees shall be allowed: (1) For the license to  
57 marry, [ten] twenty dollars; and (2) for issuing each burial [or] permit,  
58 removal, transit and burial permit [, three] or disinterment permit, five  
59 dollars.

60       Sec. 4. Section 9-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

62       Each registrar of voters or, in the absence of a registrar, his deputy,  
63 and each town clerk or, in the absence of a town clerk, one of his  
64 assistant town clerks shall be compensated by the municipality which  
65 he represents, as herein provided, for attending two conferences a year  
66 for town clerks and registrars of voters which may be called by the  
67 Secretary of the State for the purpose of discussing the election laws,  
68 procedures or matters related thereto. Each such official shall be  
69 compensated by his municipality [at the rate of thirty-five dollars per  
70 day] for the cost of registration for attending each such conference,  
71 plus mileage to and from such conference at a rate per mile  
72 [determined by the municipality, but not less than twenty cents per  
73 mile] equal to the standard mileage rate established by the Internal  
74 Revenue Service, computed from the office of such official or, if he has  
75 no office, from his home to the place where such conference is being  
76 held. In towns divided into two voting districts which elect registrars  
77 of voters for each voting district, only two registrars of opposite  
78 political parties need be so compensated for each such conference and,  
79 if the registrars are unable to agree as to the two registrars to be so  
80 compensated, such determination shall be made at least three days  
81 prior to such conference by the chief executive officer of the  
82 municipality.

83       Sec. 5. Section 19a-323 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes  
84 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
85 *1, 2010*):

86       (a) The body of any deceased person may be disposed of by  
87 incineration or cremation in this state or may be removed from the  
88 state for such purpose.

89       (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by  
90 law shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in  
91 which such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in  
92 which the body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief  
93 Medical Examiner, associate medical examiner, or an authorized  
94 assistant medical examiner shall complete the cremation certificate,  
95 stating that such medical examiner has made inquiry into the cause  
96 and manner of death and is of the opinion that no further examination  
97 or judicial inquiry is necessary. The cremation certificate shall be  
98 submitted to the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such  
99 person died, if known, or, if not known, of the town in which the body  
100 was found, or with the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which  
101 the funeral director having charge of the body is located. Upon receipt  
102 of the cremation certificate, the registrar shall authorize such  
103 certificate, keep such certificate on permanent record, and issue a  
104 cremation permit, except that if the cremation certificate is submitted  
105 to the registrar of the town where the funeral director is located, such  
106 certificate shall be forwarded to the registrar of the town where the  
107 person died to be kept on permanent record. If a cremation permit  
108 must be obtained during the hours that the office of the local registrar  
109 of the town where death occurred is closed, a subregistrar appointed to  
110 serve such town may authorize such cremation permit upon receipt  
111 and review of a properly completed cremation permit and cremation  
112 certificate. A subregistrar who is licensed as a funeral director or  
113 embalmer pursuant to chapter 385, or the employee or agent of such  
114 funeral director or embalmer shall not issue a cremation permit to  
115 himself or herself. A subregistrar shall forward the cremation  
116 certificate to the local registrar of the town where death occurred, not

117 later than seven days after receiving such certificate. The estate of the  
 118 deceased person, if any, shall pay the sum of forty dollars for the  
 119 issuance of the cremation certificate or an amount equivalent to the  
 120 compensation then being paid by the state to authorized assistant  
 121 medical examiners, if greater, provided, the Office of the Chief Medical  
 122 Examiner shall not assess any fees for costs that are associated with the  
 123 cremation of a stillborn fetus. No cremation certificate shall be  
 124 required for a permit to cremate the remains of bodies pursuant to  
 125 section 19a-270a. When the cremation certificate is submitted to a town  
 126 other than that where the person died, the registrar of vital statistics  
 127 for such other town shall ascertain from the original removal, transit  
 128 and burial permit that the certificates required by the state statutes  
 129 have been received and recorded, that the body has been prepared in  
 130 accordance with the Public Health Code and that the entry regarding  
 131 the place of disposal is correct. Whenever the registrar finds that the  
 132 place of disposal is incorrect, the registrar shall issue a corrected  
 133 removal, transit and burial permit and, after inscribing and recording  
 134 the original permit in the manner prescribed for sextons' reports under  
 135 section 7-66, shall then immediately give written notice to the registrar  
 136 for the town where the death occurred of the change in place of  
 137 disposal stating the name and place of the crematory and the date of  
 138 cremation. Such written notice shall be sufficient authorization to  
 139 correct these items on the original certificate of death. The fee for a  
 140 cremation permit shall be [three] five dollars and for the written notice  
 141 [one dollar] two dollars. The Department of Public Health shall  
 142 provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same as  
 143 for regular burial permits and shall include space to record  
 144 information about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated  
 145 remains, and such blanks and books as may be required by the  
 146 registrars.

147 (c) If the body of a deceased person is brought into this state for  
 148 cremation and is accompanied by a permit for final disposition issued  
 149 by a legally constituted authority of the state from which the body was  
 150 brought, indicating cremation for the body, such permit shall be

151 sufficient authority to cremate the body and no additional cremation  
152 certificate or permit shall be required.

153 (d) No body shall be cremated until at least forty-eight hours after  
154 death, unless such death was the result of communicable disease, and  
155 no body shall be received by any crematory unless accompanied by the  
156 permit provided for in this section.

157 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 22-338 of the general statutes is  
158 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
159 *1, 2010*):

160 (a) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or older,  
161 except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section 22-342,  
162 as amended by this act, shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town  
163 clerk's office in the town where such dog is kept, on or before June  
164 thirtieth, annually, or at such time as such dog becomes six months  
165 old, and annually thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner or  
166 keeper shall pay to such town clerk for such license the sum of seven  
167 dollars for each neutered male or spayed female dog and the sum of  
168 twelve dollars for each unneutered male dog and each unspayed  
169 female dog, and one additional dollar in each case as the town clerk's  
170 fee for issuing a tag and license as provided in section 22-340. Two  
171 dollars from each license fee collected for a neutered or spayed dog  
172 shall be deposited into the animal population control account,  
173 established under section 22-380g. If an owner or keeper of a dog fails  
174 to procure a license as required by this section, such owner or keeper  
175 shall pay the appropriate license fee specified in this section, the town  
176 clerk's fee and a penalty of [one dollar] two dollars for each month or  
177 fraction thereof the dog remains unlicensed.

178 Sec. 7. Section 22-339 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

180 Any person upon becoming the owner or keeper of any unlicensed  
181 dog of the age of six months or older shall cause such dog to be  
182 licensed within thirty days thereof until the thirtieth day of the ensuing

183 June in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions provided  
 184 in section 22-338, as amended by this act. If the new owner has written  
 185 proof of purchase or transfer and the license is obtained within thirty  
 186 days, he shall not be required to pay any penalties as provided by said  
 187 section for failure to secure a license for a dog over six months of age.  
 188 Any person becoming the owner of a licensed dog shall present the  
 189 license and tag of such dog to the town clerk of the town in which he  
 190 resides and, for a fee of [one dollar] five dollars, such town clerk shall  
 191 issue, in lieu thereof, a new license and tag, which shall be recorded in  
 192 the name of the new owner. Such town clerk shall retain the old license  
 193 and tag in his possession.

194 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22-342 of the general statutes is  
 195 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 196 *1, 2010*):

197 (a) Any owner or keeper of a kennel who breeds more than two  
 198 litters of dogs annually shall apply to the town clerk in the town in  
 199 which such kennel is located for a kennel license. Any owner or keeper  
 200 of a kennel who breeds not more than two litters of dogs annually may  
 201 apply to the town clerk of the town in which such kennel is located for  
 202 a kennel license. For the purposes of this section, annually shall refer to  
 203 the kennel license year which begins July first. Such town clerk shall  
 204 issue to such applicant a kennel license on a form prescribed by the  
 205 commissioner for a period from the date of such application until the  
 206 thirtieth day of the ensuing June. The license shall specify the name  
 207 and number of the kennel, the name of the owner and the name of the  
 208 keeper and shall be in lieu of any other license required for any dog of  
 209 either sex which may be kept in such kennel during the period for  
 210 which the license is issued. Each license may be renewed from year to  
 211 year by the town clerk upon application of such owner or keeper. Each  
 212 such owner or keeper shall cause to be kept, upon each dog in such  
 213 kennel, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather or other  
 214 suitable material, to which collar or harness shall be securely attached  
 215 a tag or plate upon which shall appear the number of the kennel  
 216 license, the name of the town issuing the license and the year of

217 license. Such plates or tags shall be furnished by the town clerk of the  
 218 town in which such kennel is licensed, at a cost of ten cents each, in  
 219 such numbers, not fewer than the number of dogs kept in such kennel,  
 220 and at such time as the licensee may request. The fee for each kennel  
 221 license, when no more than ten dogs are kept in the kennel, shall be  
 222 fifty dollars, and for a license for a kennel containing more than ten  
 223 dogs, the fee shall be one hundred dollars, except that in the case of a  
 224 kennel started after the first day of July, the license fee for the  
 225 remainder of the year shall be a proportional part of the fee charged  
 226 for one year. If the owner or keeper of any established kennel fails to  
 227 obtain the kennel license on or before June thirtieth, [he] such owner or  
 228 keeper shall pay [one dollar] two dollars for each dog kept therein, in  
 229 addition to the regular kennel fee.

230 Sec. 9. Section 22-347 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 231 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

232 [Within] Not later than thirty days after receipt of the fees for dog  
 233 licenses and tags, each town clerk shall deduct one dollar for each dog  
 234 licensed, two dollars for each kennel license issued and [fifty cents]  
 235 five dollars for each replacement, change of residence of owner or  
 236 change of ownership tag issued and pay the balance to the town  
 237 treasurer or other proper fiscal officer. Each town treasurer or fiscal  
 238 officer, as the case may be, shall keep a separate dog fund account of  
 239 all fees received from the town clerk, and all receipts from the  
 240 municipal animal control officer and expended by said officer under  
 241 the provisions of this chapter, and shall pay to the Commissioner of  
 242 Agriculture, on September first of each year, fifty per cent of all  
 243 moneys received from the sale of licenses prior to July first, or forty per  
 244 cent of all such moneys if the town has made a survey of unlicensed  
 245 dogs in accordance with the provisions of section 22-349, and include  
 246 with such payment a statement of the number of licenses issued  
 247 during such year. All moneys received from licenses sold after June  
 248 thirtieth and all moneys received from the municipal animal control  
 249 officer and all license fees returned to the town by the State Treasurer,  
 250 at the request of the commissioner, under the provisions of section 22-



251 348 shall be kept by the town treasurer or other fiscal officer in the  
 252 separate dog fund account. The town treasurer or other fiscal officer  
 253 shall, on the ensuing September first, send fifty per cent, or forty per  
 254 cent as the case may be, of all license fees in such account to the  
 255 commissioner, including [any] one-half of any penalty fees collected  
 256 pursuant to section 22-338, as amended by this act. All payments to the  
 257 commissioner shall be accompanied by an account thereof in a form  
 258 prescribed by the commissioner and a copy of such account shall be  
 259 sent to the commissioner. Upon the failure of any town treasurer or  
 260 other fiscal officer to pay any amount due pursuant to this section, or  
 261 any portion thereof, within forty-five days from its due date, the  
 262 commissioner shall add interest of one and one-fourth per cent per  
 263 month or fraction thereof on the amount unpaid per month or fraction  
 264 thereof from the due date of such payment to the date of payment and  
 265 a penalty in the amount of ten per cent of the amount unpaid or fifty  
 266 dollars, whichever is greater. All funds in the dog fund account, except  
 267 such funds as are to be sent to the commissioner, shall be used only for  
 268 the compensation of municipal animal control officers, license  
 269 certificates, tags, the construction and maintenance of dog pounds, the  
 270 detention and care of impounded dogs in accordance with section 22-  
 271 336, municipal animal control officer's equipment, dog supplies and  
 272 such veterinary fees as are provided for by law or regulations and shall  
 273 not be used for any other purpose except upon written approval of the  
 274 commissioner. No fees paid into the treasury of the town for tags or  
 275 licenses for dogs shall be paid back to the persons from whom they  
 276 were collected.

277 Sec. 10. Section 22-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 278 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

279 Any dog licensed as provided in this chapter may be kept in any  
 280 town in this state under such license until the June thirtieth succeeding  
 281 the date thereof, if the owner maintains a residence in the town where  
 282 such license was issued. If any owner discontinues such residence and  
 283 takes up residence in another town, he shall present the license and tag  
 284 to the town clerk of such town and, for a fee of [fifty cents] five dollars,

285 the town clerk shall issue a new license and tag for the town in which  
286 the owner now resides. Such town clerk shall retain the old license and  
287 tag in his possession.

288 Sec. 11. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
289 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

290 Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer  
291 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed  
292 by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club  
293 or place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the  
294 place of filing of railroad and boat permits shall be the office of the  
295 town clerk of the town of New Haven, and airline permits, the office of  
296 the town clerk of the town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be  
297 [two] fifteen dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	3-95
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	7-34a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	7-73(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	9-6
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	19a-323
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	22-338(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	22-339
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	22-342(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	22-347
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	22-352
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	30-53

***FIN***      *Joint Favorable*